

## Message Text

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O R 160945Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY MASERU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9113  
INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 1772

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, SHUM, EG, LT  
SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

REF: STATE 207040,

1. ASSESSMENT OF V.M. MOLAPO, CHAIRMAN OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.  
MOLAPO OWES HIS POSITION PRIMARILY TO THE FACT THAT HE IS A  
MEMBER OF LESOTHO'S QTE RULING FAMILY UNQTE. (PRIMIN JONATHAN IS  
A MOLAPO). HE IS A NEPHEW OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHARLES DUBE MOLAPO.  
MOOKI MOLAPO IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE ERRATIC AND OF MEDIOCRE  
ABILITY.
2. HE IS POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED AND AN EXPERIENCED CONFERENCE  
DELEGATE, HAVING HEADED MANY LESOTHO DELEGATIONS. HE ENJOYS  
THE CONSULTATION AND HORSE TRADING THAT GOES ON AT CONFERENCES.
3. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RECENT UN HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM IN MASERU,  
HE SHOWED HIMSELF AN ADEQUATE, BUT NOT FORCEFUL, PARLIAMENTARIAN.  
HE IS NOT A COMMANDING PERSONALITY AND HE SEEMED OVERWHELMED UPON  
HIS ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SYMPOSIUM. HE GRADUALLY TOOK HOLD,  
HOWEVER, AND DID AN ACCEPTABLE IF NOT NOTABLE JOB IN THE CHAIR.  
THROUGHOUT THE SYMPOSIUM HE LEFT MOST OF THE FLOOR WORK TO THE  
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REPRESENTATIVE OF SYG (SANON).  
STOKES

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